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A NEEDLE VALVE FOR FILLING A MOLD WITH AN ORGANIC MATERIAL IN
THE LIQUID STATE AND A METHOD OF MOLDING AN OPTICAL COMPONENT
USING THIS KIND OF VALVE

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